AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 00159, as amended by Ordinance No. 00500, relating to Initiative and Referendum.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1: Section 1, King County Ordinance No. 00159 is amended to read as follows:

## General Requirements

Persons proposing (referendum-and) initiative measures may, after compliance with Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this Ordinance, prepare blank petitions and cause them to be printed upon single sheets of white paper of good quality, eight and one-half inches in width and thirteen inches in length, with a margin of one and three-quarters inches at the top for binding. Each petition shall consist of not more than five sheets with numbered lines for not more than twenty signatures on each sheet, with the prescribed title and form of petition on each sheet, and, if appropriate under Section 8 of this Ordinance, a full, true and correct copy of the proposed measure referred to therein printed on sheets of paper of like size and quality as the petition, firmly fastened together. Provided, whenever possible, every initiative or referendum petition proposed shall be phrased in affirmative language so that a yes vote will clearly be a vote in favor of the proposition and a no vote will clearly be a vote in opposition to the proposition.

SECTION 2: Section 2, King County Ordinance No. 00159 is amended to read as follows:

Filing a Proposed Measure with Clerk of Council

If any individual, or committee of individuals desires to petition the council to enact a proposed measure or to order that a referendum of any ordinance passed by the council be submitted to the electorate, he shall file in the office of the Clerk of the Council five printed or typewritten copies of the measure proposed or ((on-which-a)) referendum ((is-desired)) petition, accompanied by the name and post office address of the proposer.

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SECTION 3. Section 4, King County Ordinance 00159 is amended to read as follows:

Numbering - Transmittal to Department of Records and Elections

The Clerk of the Council shall assign a Serial Number to each initiative measure or referendum (measure) petition, using a separate series for each, and forthwith transmit one copy of the measure proposed, bearing its serial number, to the Department of Records and Elections. Thereafter a measure shall be known and designated on all petitions, ballots and proceedings as "Initiative Measure No. " or "Referendum Measure No. ".

SECTION 4. Section 5, King County Ordinance 00159 is amended to read as follows:

Ballot Title - Formulation by Department of Records and Elections

Within five (5) days after the receipt of an initiative (or-referendum) measure the Department of Records and Elections shall formulate therefor and transmit to the Clerk of the Council a statement of not to exceed one hundred words, bearing the serial number of the measure. The statement may be distinct from the Petitioner's title of the measure, and shall express, and give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure; it shall not be intentionally an argument, nor likely to create prejudice, either for or against the measure. In addition to such statement, the Department of Records and Elections shall also prepare a caption, not to exceed five words in length, to permit the voters readily to identify the initiative (or-referendum) measure and distinguish it from other questions on the ballot. This caption and the statement together shall constitute the ballot title. The ballot title formulated by the Department of Records and Elections shall be the ballot title of the measure.

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SECTION 5. Section 6, King County Ordinance 00159 is amended to read as follows:

Ballot title - Notice to proponents

Upon the filing of the ballot title for an initiative (or-referendum) measure in that office, the Department of Records and Elections shall forthwith notify the persons proposing the measure, by mail, of the exact language thereof. Thereafter, such ballot title shall be the title of the measure in all proceedings in relation thereto. The ballot title of a referendum shall be the title of the ordinance as it was passed by the Council. In addition, the Department of Records and Elections shall also prepare a caption, not to exceed five words in length, to permit the voters to readily identify the referendum.

SECTION 6. Section 7, King County Ordinance 00159 is amended to read as follows:

Petitions ordering that ordinances passed by the Council be referred to the people at the special or general election as provided in Article 2, Section 230.40 of the Charter, shall be substantially in the following form:

## WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his true name, or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or who signs this petition when he is not a legal voter, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be punished as provided by law.

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM To the Clerk of the King County Council, King County, Washington: We, the undersigned citizens of King County, State of Washington and legal voters of the respective precincts set opposite our names, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No.\_\_\_\_\_, entitled (here entitled (here set forth the (established-ballot) title of the (measure) ordinance being an Ordinance passed by the King County Council on the day of shall be referred to the people of the County for their approval or rejection; and each of us for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of King County, State of Washington in the precinct, city or town written after my name, and my residence

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